







BUREAU OF FIRE

Fire Safety

Charcoal Barbecue Safety

The backyard charcoal grill has become part of the American way of life during the summer months.

Charcoal grills, however, can be fire hazards. Be sure when you use your grill to:

-  Use only the lighter fluids designated for use with charcoal grills when starting your fire. NEVER USE GASOLINE TO START YOUR FIRE.
-  Immediately after using the lighter fluid, replace the fluid container in its storage location. Do not set it down by the grill.
-  NEVER USE GASOLINE TO QUICKEN A CHARCOAL FIRE. Don't add a charcoal starter fluid to the fire after it has begun. The flames can travel up to the can and cause an explosion.
-  Always keep starter fluids in containers with child-proof caps, and keep them out of the reach of children.
-  Don't wear loose clothing or robes around charcoal grills. Flaming grease can ignite your clothing.
-  Keep a small can of water handy to douse flaming grease. A spray bottle, such as use for sprinkling clothes, filled with water is excellent for this.